

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES***

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Thursday, January 29, 2015
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – on Tuesday, January 29, 2015, Chair Kathleen Swanson, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order at 7:20 PM.
 - a. *Roll Call* – Chair, Kathleen Swanson called the attendance of members, Ron Cervasio (present) and Shelly Pezza (not present at the time of roll call), also present were the Superintendent, Caroline Caswell.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.

2. **Public Comment** – there was no Public comment.

3. On a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio the FSC **voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (1) Job Performance – Superintendent (2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation –Foster Teachers’ Association.** Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0. Mrs. Swanson noted that Superintendent Caswell was notified of discussion and elected to have the discussion in Executive Session.

Ms. Swanson reported that **(1) Job Performance – Superintendent** was discussed and no votes were taken.

4. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Building Use Request as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the minutes of December 23, 2015 Open and Executive “Sealed” minutes as written. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.

6. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved Warrants 12 & 14 as presented. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.

- a. *Business Manager’s Report* –Mr. Petrarca, business manager, reported that the budget continues to show savings and that the district is on target for the end of the year. Tuition is the variable line item. He will have the first draft of the 2015-2016 budget ready for February 13, 2015.

7. **Old Business (for discussion/action)**

- a. *Housing Aid – Stage I Update – Approval* – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the Housing aid Stage I Update. Discussion. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.
- b. *Disposition of Surplus Equipment / Books – Policy #7000 – Adoption* – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the policy as written. Discussion – clarification. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.
- c. *Capital Improvement Plan*
 - 1) *Heating System* – On a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Mrs. Pezza, the FSC authorized the administration to request RFP's for repair or replacement of heating system. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0. Note – FSC wants options ie., quote for work being done all at once or in stages if possible.

8. New Business (for discussion/action)

- a. *Budget Workshop Sessions*
 - 1) *Budget Calendar* – the FSC scheduled a budget workshop for February 24, 2015 at 7pm. School committee meeting will follow.
- b. *Attendance Report* – discussion, no votes taken.
- c. *Science NECAP* – presented during Principal's report.
- d. *Ponaganset Broadband Resolution* – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC voted to support the State Senator and Representative motion for Ponaganset Broadband Resolution. Motion passed. Vote = 2-0-0.
- e. *High Stakes Testing* – discussion.

9. Communication/Reports

- a. *Correspondence* – For informational purposes Dr. Caswell received a report on consequences for withdrawing from high stakes testing from RIDE.
- b. *District Building Report* - no report.
- c. *Principal's Report* – Kristen Danusis, Principal, presented Science NECAP results with an explanation for future science curriculum plans for the school.
- d. *Superintendent's Report* – no report.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to reconvene Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation –Foster Teachers' Association. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Ms. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining and Litigation –Foster Teachers’ Association was discussed and no votes were taken.

10. **Future Agenda Items** – standing items.

11. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee

**Note: Minutes typed from a recording.*